



## Gallatin County Fairgrounds Events Park

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## 2010 Fair Logo Contest Winner Announced!



**"Wagon Wheels to Ferris Wheels"** was chosen for this year's Fair theme. Once the Fair theme was chosen it was time to pick the Fair logo which is always a fun time here at the Fairgrounds. With 197 designs entered, the Fair Planning Committee had a tough decision. Lisa Grevious of Belgrade won with her creative drawing of wagon wheels and ferris wheel, a great artistic addition to the Fair theme. Congratulations Lisa! Lisa will receive \$100 for her creative design.

The official Fair Flower is the Rose. All exhibitors whether commercial or livestock are encouraged to decorate their designated areas incorporating the Fair theme and Fair flower and creativity is encouraged.

**This year's Fair welcomes back the traditions you're all familiar with.** North Star Amusements Carnival, Bozeman Roundup Rodeo, community exhibits, PBR, 4-H participation, family entertainment, agricultural education, livestock, and Fair food are just a few of the all time favorites. Along with the familiar favorites we are bringing some new events in! The Fair will include a comedy night, pig racing, live entertainment, an Equipment Operators Rodeo and lots of events for the kids.

This year the events schedule for the 2010 Fair is packed full with something for everyone and the Fairgrounds Staff and Fair Board are excited to bring such a great line up to town.

The Fair committee meets monthly to plan and organize your County Fair. This group of enthusiastic and creative staff and volunteers are dedicated to presenting the community with a fun family event that will spur a lifetime of memories and preserve the magic of Fairs.

The Fair runs Wednesday through Sunday. More details coming next month and as always, don't forget to check out our website at [www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org](http://www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org) for the most up to date information!

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## Gallatin County Fair - Dates to Remember

Mark your calendars! Here are a few Fair dates to remember:



Sponsorship deadlines are May 15. Call Jaime Cargill at 406-582-3275 or email her at: [jaime.cargill@gallatin.mt.gov](mailto:jaime.cargill@gallatin.mt.gov).

Commercial Exhibitor & Food Vendor applications will be emailed, mailed and on the web the end of March/beginning of April. Call the Fairgrounds Office at 406-582-3270 or email: [fairgrounds@gallatin.mt.gov](mailto:fairgrounds@gallatin.mt.gov) to be added to the contact list.

Gallatin County Fair entries for most contests and open class exhibits will begin June 1.

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## Spring Bazaar: S & R Crafts

S & R Crafts is proud to invite you to the First Annual Spring Bazaar. Please come see us and over thirty other vendors on Friday, April 2 from 3pm to 7pm and Saturday, April 3 from 9am to 4pm.

We will have vendors present to sell handcrafted items ranging from quilted baby bibs to barbed wire and horseshoe art...lotions to barn wood décor...jewelry to whimsical wooden Easter candy dishes. This bazaar is a fundraiser to benefit EAGLE MOUNT of Gallatin County. There will be a \$1.00 admission fee (good for both days) that will go 100% to Eagle Mount and Eagle Mount will be present with a raffle.

**Plan to come shop and have a bite to eat with Senorita's Specialty Foods.**

S & R Crafts is two middle aged women that have a love for sewing and meeting people as we try to fulfill a need by providing handcrafted items for their gift giving or personal needs. You will find **us at most craft sales in the valley and at the Saturday morning Farmer's Market beginning in June, as well as the Wednesday evening market in Manhattan.**



Hope to see you in April!  
*Sue Michael and Sarah Weir*

## NEWS from Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA)

The Haynes Hockey League (adults) has spring scramble play for novice/rec and rec/power players. **Regular season playoffs will conclude by the end of March. Results will appear in next month's newsletter,** as will results from the Montana Senior Olympics (March 26-28).



Puck Lunch continues each weekday from 11:00am to 12:50pm and is open to members as well as non-members (\$12). Public skating is available each weekday at 8:00 am.

The Bozeman Figure Skating Club is scheduled for Mondays at 4:00 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:00 am and Fridays at 5:00 pm.


Eagle Mount will use the Haynes Pavilion at 9:30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Kevin Stone, head coach of the Icedogs, presents his Stonewall Hockey Clinics at various times throughout April. Cost is \$15.00 and times are noted, along with all rink events on the BAHA website calendar.

Please visit us at: [www.bozemanhockey.org](http://www.bozemanhockey.org).

[www.myspace.com/gallatincountyfairgrounds](http://www.myspace.com/gallatincountyfairgrounds)  
[www.facebook.com/gallatingountyfairgrounds](http://www.facebook.com/gallatingountyfairgrounds)

## April Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

April 2	House Productions - Under 21 Dance Party (Admission \$6)	9pm - 12am	Building #3
April 2-3	S & R Gifts - Craft Show (\$1 Admission - good both days)	3pm - 7pm Fri. 9am - 4pm Sat.	Building #1
April 3	Gallatin Shrine Clowns-Rocky Mt Oyster Feed	6pm - 11pm	Building #4
April 4			
April 8	Gallatin County Weed Board Meeting (Public is welcome to attend)	1:15pm - 3pm	Fairgrounds Office
	Fair Planning Committee Meeting (Public is welcome to attend)	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
April 10	The Exchange (Free Admission)	8am - 5pm Fri. 9am - 1pm Sat.	Building #1
April 15	WinterFest Meeting (Public is welcome to attend)	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
April 17	Bike Swap - Gallatin Valley Bike Club Drop-Off Items on Fri. April 16 from 4pm - 7pm	9am - 1pm Sat.	Buildings #1 & #2
April 20	Fair Board Meeting 5:30pm-8pm (Public is welcome to attend)		Fairgrounds Office
April 23	House Productions - Under 21 Dance Party (Admission \$6)	9pm - 12am	Building #3
April 25	Mountaineers 4x4 Motorsports Swap Meet	10am - 3pm	Indoor Arena
April 30	Montana Beer Festival Tasters Happy-Hour (Admission: \$25 Advance / \$30 at Door)	6:30pm-10:30pm 5:30pm - 6:30pm	All 4 Exhibit Bldgs

More information is available at [www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org](http://www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org)



### COMMITTEE MINUTES

Fair Planning  
Fair Board  
WinterFest

Minutes are available on the  
Fairgrounds website:

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### FAIR BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Brekke - Chairman  
Dennis Farnham - Vice Chairman  
Chris Budeski  
Vicki Johnson  
Linda Warner  
Jeff Wade

### COMMITTEES

WinterFest ... Fair Planning  
Bozeman Roundup Rodeo  
Volunteer ... Parking

We are always looking for more volunteers to help on committees. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Fairgrounds Office.

bicycles, bike related parts, accessories, tools,  
clothing, bike & jogging strollers

# bike swap

AT THE GALLATIN VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
**APRIL 16 & 17**



DROP OFF:

FRIDAY, APRIL 16 4-7p.m.

SALE:

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

8:00-9a.m. members only

9:00-11:45a.m. open to general public

12:00-1:00p.m. discount sales period

PICK UP:

SATURDAY, APRIL 17 1-2:30p.m.

**\$1 FEE PER ITEM BEING SOLD · CASH/CHECKS ONLY**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [bozemanbiketalk.com/gvbc/](http://bozemanbiketalk.com/gvbc/)



## The Exchange: Great Prices for the Bargain Shoppers!

You will love shopping or being a consignor at "The Exchange". Our Spring sale is just around the corner!



### SHOPPING TIMES & DATES

Saturday, April 10 8am- 3pm

Sunday, April 11 9am - 1pm

(Sunday is half-price day unless there is a "ND" in bottom right corner of the index card)

"The Exchange" is a semi-annual sale that was started in 1994. It is an excellent way to buy quality used items. If you wish, you can also become a consignor and consign your items and receive 60% of the sale price. Consignors are allowed to shop early, plus they get extra privileges. The Exchange strives to serve families and the community by successfully holding a semi-annual consignment sale.

Consignors profit by earning the best monetary return on their consigned items. Shoppers have the opportunity to buy items that have been inspected and are in excellent condition including everything from clothes to furniture, household items, layette and nursery equipment, maternity clothes and all sorts of toys and games – all at FAIR PRICES!

Our community benefits by donations of items made to various non-profit organizations. Consignors, shoppers, and the community form a strong, diverse and caring group of people dedicated to providing for our families and each other.

For information about the sale, or to become a consignor or shopper, please visit: [www.theexchangesale.com](http://www.theexchangesale.com) or call Karen Rose at 285-4579.

**SHOP EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION!**

## Marketing Minute: First Security Bank

With the snow starting to melt and the hint of spring right around the corner, everyone here at the **Gallatin County Fairgrounds is getting excited to see green grass and soon to come ... summer fun.** Even in the dead of winter the staff and volunteers are busy planning for the upcoming County Fair. With the 2010 Fair in sight (and full of fun new events) everyone is catching the Fair-Bug. Loyal Fairgrounds supporters like First Security Bank are also looking forward to the event and as always are enthusiastic about sponsoring and supporting this great, family, fun-filled community event.

First Security Bank was founded in 1919. Over the years, First Security Bank has seen many changes and growth. The bank has provided a strong financial backbone for the community and continues to be locally owned and operated. In the span of ninety years the bank has grown from four full-time employees in 1919, to over a hundred and fifty employees today. Assets of \$328,533 in December of 1919 have grown to over \$500 million today. First Security Bank's dedication to its customers and community contribute to the bank's growth and success. Today, First Security Bank is the largest locally owned bank in Gallatin County, with over 20% of all deposits in the area. The bank's community involvement has consistently received high marks by the FDIC under the Community Reinvestment Act.

We are proud to be partnered with a great bank like First Security Bank and look forward to them sponsoring the Fair and supporting our local community!



## FairEver Yours ... Manager's Thoughts

Wow! March has been a whirlwind of activity here at the Fairgrounds! I thought I would just let some of you know what happens here at the Fairgrounds in a typical month. I know you are all checking our web-site calendar but just to tie it all together here are some interesting statistics for the month of March.

- We had people rent our indoor arena for horseback riding (Open Riding) 92 hours.
- The State of Montana used the Fairgrounds for CDL Driver Testing eight days.
- Rail Jam was a two day athletic and music event held at the Fairgrounds that had over 5000 attendees.
- The State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament used all four exhibit buildings for two days. Hundreds of 4-H members and their families spent at least two days in our town.
- The Gallatin County Schools held their annual Science Fair at the Fairgrounds again this year.
- REACH held four golf practices at the Fairgrounds for their clients.
- The 4-H Horse project used the indoor arena 10 hours for clinics and a play-day.
- The Breakfast Optimists held their annual Garage-A-Rama fundraiser using all four exhibit buildings.
- The Gallatin Dog Agility Club used the indoor arena for two Fun Matches, ½ a day each match.
- The first Gun Show of the season was held in March. There are three gun shows each year at the Fairgrounds and they use all four exhibit buildings for 2 ½ days.
- Horseback Riding Lessons were held in the indoor arena for two hours.
- The Gallatin Dog Club held three practices in exhibit building #3 for a total of six hours.
- Universal Athletics held their Semi-Annual Warehouse Sale, using one building for five days.
- There was an ATV Safety Training Class held at the Fairgrounds one Saturday morning.
- The State FFA Convention was held in Bozeman and many of the activities were held at MSU, however many were held at the Fairgrounds. They used exhibit buildings, barns and the indoor arena.
- The Gallatin Saddle and Harness rented the indoor arena for riding time with their members for two hours and again for an eight hour horse show.

In addition to these uses:

- The Fairgrounds has contracts renting the two cattle barns to dog clubs. These clubs; Paws and People, The Gallatin Dog Agility Club and K-9 Fundamentals use the barns daily between 8am and 10pm.
- Bridger Bowl uses the Fairgrounds parking lot as a pick up location for their shuttle buses.
- Galavan parks their shuttle buses in our parking lot every day, all year around.
- The Greenway Indoor Shooting Range located on the Fairgrounds is open daily throughout the winter and includes league shooting for men, women and children. Shooting classes are also held here for the Gallatin County 4-H Shooting Sports members. The Bozeman City Police also use the range for practice.
- The Haynes Pavilion, at this time of year is used for ice events and activities. Although things are slowing down, the pavilion is used daily through the end of May.

As you can see, there are thousands of people using the Fairgrounds each month. Think about what that means to you. If you have children, perhaps they are involved in some of these activities. Maybe you come to the Fairgrounds for gun shows, hockey games or giant garage sales. Perhaps you are a business owner who benefits from the out-of-county visitors drawn to events at the Fairgrounds. Maybe they shop in your store or spend the night in your motel or eat in your restaurant. The Fairgrounds is here to provide benefits **to the community. It is not a private facility ... it belongs to the people of our county. If you see ways that** the Fairgrounds could provide more benefits, please let me hear from you. That is why we are here!



*FairEver Yours,  
Sue Shockley, Manager*